

September 22-24, 2012

Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Resentencing ordered for Detroit man who gunned down burglar

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ordered resentencing for a Detroit man convicted of chasing down and shooting to death a person he believed had broken into his home nearly three years ago. Tigh Croff, 33, was sentenced in February 2011 to two years imprisonment and three years probation for killing Herbert Silas, 53, by shooting him in the chest Dec. 28, 2009."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: New hearing for Detroit man who chased, killed suspected burglar

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Former school in West Bloomfield one step closer to becoming mosque

"Controversial plans to open a mosque in a former school building in West Bloomfield moved a step closer to reality Friday with a decision by the Michigan Court of Appeals. The appeals court upheld a lower court ruling that found the sale of the former Eagle Elementary on 14 Mile to the Islamic Cultural Association last year was proper."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Hometown Life Newspapers: Court of Appeals upholds 'no standing' in Eagle case

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Appeal denied in lawsuit over sale of West Bloomfield school to Islamic Cultural Association

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Appeals court rules against bridge company on private vs. public issue

"The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals today ruled against the Detroit International Bridge Co. on the legal question of whether the company is a 'federal instrumentality', as it has claimed from time to time. The ruling stemmed an earlier Michigan Supreme Court ruling that held DIBC exempt from City of Detroit regulations because the company was a federal instrumentality."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Attorney sues judge over 2 secret children (seventh article)

A Genesee County judge has been sued by an attorney who says he fathered her two children and shirked his parental responsibilities. Denise Ketchmark, who is white, says she and Circuit Judge Archie Hayman, who is black, had an affair for nearly two decades."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Flint Journal: Genesee County won't kick children off judge's insurance

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Judge Kelly hosts re-election fundraiser Wednesday in Bay City

"Support the re-election of Judge Timothy Kelly during a fundraiser from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Atrium Restaurant, 1100 N. Water St. Kelly is currently a district judge in Bay County's 74th District Court."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Reporter/Coldwater: District Court Officer Baumeister retires

"After 13 years and six months, Andy Baumeister retired Wednesday as Bailiff/Court Officer in the Branch County District Court. With friends, attorneys and other courthouse personnel there to wish him a happy retirement, Branch County Magistrate-Judge David Coyle called him 'the eternal Eagle Scout,' always ready to continue his life of service."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: News Briefs: Candidate forums are this week

"Candidate forums for the November election will take place this week for state Legislature, U.S. Congress, Livingston County prosecutor and county probate judge. ... Thursday [evening September 27], Republican county prosecutor candidate William Vaillencourt and Democratic candidate Matt Evans; and county probate judge candidates Miriam Cavanaugh and Lori Marran will debate."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Longtime criminal defense attorney dies

"Longtime Macomb County criminal defense attorney Ronald Goldstein died Thursday at 81.... He served both as court-appointed and retained counsel for defendants at Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens as well as district courts."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Daily Tribune article also ran in the Macomb Daily.

Detroit Legal News: Bruce A. Courtade sworn in as State Bar of Michigan president

"Bruce A. Courtade, of Grand Rapids, has been sworn in as the 78th president of the State Bar of Michigan. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr. officiated at the Sept. 20 ceremony."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Detroit Legal News article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Three in one: Family to step into spotlight at special tribute on Oct. 4

"The Oct. 4 event, on behalf of the Genesee County Bar Foundation, is billed as a tribute for the Barkey family, honoring the late Walter J. Barkey, the family patriarch, and two of his children, Brian M. Barkey, a well-know area attorney, and Chief Probate Judge Jennie E. Barkey."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Detroit Legal News article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Know Your Judge

"The Criminal Law Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association continued its Anatomy of a Criminal Case—Year XIV brown bag lunch lecture series with 'Know Your Judge I: District Courts' on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Oakland County Bar Center in Bloomfield Hills."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: PALS is back

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) conducted its first meeting after the long hot summer on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Polish Village Café in Hamtramck.... Happy to welcome [Marek] Noworyta to the meeting were ... Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Talon, ... Macomb County 37th District Court Judge John Chmura, ... Wayne County 19th District Court Judge Richard Wygonik, Wayne County 20th District Court Judge Mark Plawecki, and Bloomfield Hills attorney Mary Ann Kozlowski."

[Full story](#)

Dowagiac Daily News: Cotter heads to Lansing

"Berrien County Prosecutor Art Cotter will be at the Supreme Court in Lansing Sept. 27 opposing free attorneys for parole appeals.... The public hearing Sept. 27 is about changing the court rule across the state to require that appointment."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Republican Women's Club hosts judicial candidates

"The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court, the 3rd Circuit Court (Wayne County) and the 6th Circuit Court (Oakland County) during a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in Livonia. Judge Kathleen McCann of 16th District Court in Livonia will introduce the candidates, who will each address the crowd."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Senate passes Walsh bill establishing business courts

"A bill introduced by state Rep. John Walsh to streamline court proceedings in disputes between businesses received Senate approval Thursday and will return to the House for concurrence on amendments made in the Senate."

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Ludington Daily News: Candidates forum Oct. 23 at WSCC

"... Candidates for Mason County Probate Judge, Jeff Nellis and Nick Krieger, have already agreed to participate, as have candidates for Michigan House of Representatives 101st District, Ray Franz, the Republican incumbent from Onkama, and his Democratic challenger Allen O'Shea of Copemish."

[Full story](#)

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: MSC appoints chief judge, issues rule changes and proposals

"In recent orders released by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Court: Appointed the Hon. Elizabeth Church as chief judge of the Chippewa County Probate Court for a term ending Dec. 31, 2012."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Helping Americans better understand history and civics

"Schools across Michigan have wrapped up a week of activities designed to help students better understand America's founding principles. Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge and co-founder of Patriot Week."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Jay Trucks Recognized by Michigan Supreme Court for 50 Years of Service

"Jay Trucks, founder of Jay Trucks & Associates, has received a congratulatory letter from Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr. thanking him for passing the 50-year-mark of service in the community as a lawyer. The letter was sent on behalf of the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Rebuffed by Michigan Supreme Court, Attorney General Bill Schuette presses forward to keep juvenile lifers behind bars

"Attorney General Bill Schuette has lost his bid to have the state Supreme Court halt resentencing of juvenile lifers, so he is turning to the next best thing. Schuette will attempt to join a case currently before the state Court of Appeals, where judges will soon hear a request to reconsider the sentence of a man serving a mandatory life term for a killing at age 15."

[Full story](#)

The Morning Sun: Federal courts vs state courts: What gets tried where

"Anthony Bennett was in enough trouble before he was ordered last week to stand trial for allegedly assaulting a corrections officer. Bennett, who has been in the Bay County Jail since his arrest for suspected child abuse in June, is accused of assaulting 4-year-old Carnel Chamberlain, whose remains were found under the porch of the home in Isabella County where Bennett lived with the boy's mother."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon man, 26, arraigned in alleged holdup attempt of retired judge

"A distraught Romero Geonee Neal, claiming he was accused of 'something I didn't do,' was arraigned Friday on charges that could land him prison for life for allegedly trying to rob retired Muskegon County Probate Judge Thomas Linck at gunpoint."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: 'Community courts' handle low-level crimes across U.S.

"In most courtrooms, spontaneous applause could get you thrown out. But in this San Francisco court, it's expected — and strongly encouraged for the defendants."

[Full story](#)

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Does Supreme Court Candidate Bridget McCormack's Association With The "West Wing" Video Violate Any Ethics Rules?

"The Detroit Free Press reports that an ethics complaint against Supreme Court candidate Bridget Mary McCormack by the Michigan Republican party concerning an online video is 'likely forthcoming.' The short video features several stars of the popular West Wing television drama (1999-2006), one of whom is McCormack's sister Mary, who played a national security advisor in the show."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Editorial: Not your traditional Supreme Court hopeful

[Full story](#)

Three Rivers Commercial-News: How should Michigan pick its judges?

Richard Milliman writes "During the coming weeks, Michigan voters — at least some of them — will be paying attention to how judges in Michigan are selected, especially those who sit on the seven-member Michigan Supreme Court. It's an odd system we use, but it's been in place for many years and even survived the last time Michigan rewrote our state constitution."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Ex-wife of judge in trouble in Florida

"A woman who repeatedly violated probation and bond conditions in Grand Traverse County faces more problems in Florida after local judges allowed her to move there. Cynthia Stowe, ex-wife of Grand Traverse County Probate Judge David Stowe, was arrested in Cocoa Beach, Fla. on Sept. 6. Police there seek charges of felony child abuse and battery domestic violence, documents show, though Stowe has yet to be formally charged."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Another View: Wrong to allow 3 proposals

"The Michigan Supreme Court has caved into special interests to allow three proposals that promise to spawn endless and costly litigation if they manage to sneak past the scrutiny of voters."

[Full story](#)